

BRIDGE MAY EXCEED ONE MILLION

(Bids for the repair of Long Bridge will be by Jan. 15. It may cost a million dollars to do the job. With this in mind, read the following nostalgic piece. -- Ed.)

NOTES ON THE BRIDGE

(The following excerpt from the **Boston Herald** in 1892 is an account of the opening of "Gurnet Bridge." "Duxbury rejoices today at the completion of several years work," the caption read. -- Ed.)

DUXBURY, Oct. 8, 1892 -- Today is a gala day here, the occasion being the opening of Gurnet Bridge, which now joins 2 sections of the town which are widely separate geographically.

The bridge was projected a number of years ago when Hon. Stephen M. Allen and others endeavored to secure the necessary funds by private subscription. This attempt was unsuccessful, and the project slumbered.

Two years ago the plan was brought into prominence again, and the Plymouth County commissioners were petitioned to lay out a highway and bridge from Powder point to Gurnet beach, across Duxbury Bay. There was strong opposition to the plan from conservative residents, but the bridge party finally triumphed, and work began last December. William Kenrick & Sons of East Boston being the contractors.

The structure is 2200 feet long and is built on piling, with a draw near the center where the channel is situated. Its costs was about \$3,000, of which one third was assessed in Duxbury, the balance being assessed to Kingston, Plymouth, and the County.

Gurnet beach is a long narrow slip of white quartz sand which extends southeasterly from Green Harbor, Marshfield, for almost 7 miles ending at the high promontory of the Gurnet at the entrance of Plymouth harbor. A mile or so of the beach is in Marshfield, and the promontory is in Plymouth, while the intervening station belongs to this town, but it formerly took 8 miles of travel by a road which traverses Marshfield to reach it. The bridge cuts this long trip down to less than half a mile.

Duxbury is a great place of summer resort and the demand for shore property is heavy. The bridge throws several miles of desirable property into the market, and gives good communication with the railroad.

The program for today's celebration includes a parade by William Wadsworth post 165 G.A.R. and Mattakeeset lodge of Odd Fellows, headed by the Plymouth band and accompanied by a large number of invited guests and visiting organizations. Congressman Morse, Capt. J.G.B. Adams and Secretary of State Olin will be present. A regatta will be sailed off Powder Point and the bridge opening ceremonies will take place on the structure. A clambake and speeches will follow.